



SPRING 1968

# ALUMNI BULLETIN

## *A Dedication*

*In Recognition of 22 years of unselfish service to  
MCO, the Alumni Association dedicates  
this issue of the Bulletin to  
Otto Hochstadt, M.D.*

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**OTTO HOCHSTADT, M.D.**

Member, Board of Trustees

Former Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees, 1946-1967

Professor of Anatomy

Medical Consultant To College

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At Spring Alumni Meeting**Dr. John Callinan Resigns; New First Vice-President to be Named**

The resignation of Dr. John Callinan as first Vice-President highlighted the business meeting of the Spring Education Alumni Meeting, May 1, at Valle's Steak House, Newton.

Dr. Lamont, President, stated that Dr. Callinan was forced to resign for personal reasons.

The nominating committee is now considering a replacement for Dr. Callinan.

Dr. Lamont has appointed Dr. Sumner Kagan as advisor to replace Dr. Robert Gold who is now in the Armed Forces.

Dr. Robert Titelbaum, Treasurer, revealed that he is in the process of transferring funds to the County Bank in Cambridge in order to make it more convenient to transact the Treasurer's business. The balance of the records and monies will be turned over to him shortly by Dr. Robert Shulman, former Treasurer.

The Constitution Committee Chairman, Dr. Glickman, read the proposed changes, (see changes printed on page 10). The various changes were approved by those present and, after publication, will be voted upon at the Fall Meeting.

The March Luncheon Committee has already reserved the room for the 1969 NECO Meeting. The room seats a maximum of 265.

Dr. Lamont asked for a show of hands of those who might attend College Graduation ceremonies if held on other than Friday afternoon. Most of those present indicated they might come if on either a Wednesday or Sunday (day or evening).

Dr. Jerry Davis, President-Elect of Mass. Society, reminded members about the Society meeting June 8, 9, 10 at Lenox, Mass.

Dr. Burt Holmes, Alumnus and member of the Board of Trustees of the College reported that the Graduation Exercises will be held June 7th at N.E. Life Hall at 2 P.M.

Three degrees will be granted (Honorary): to Maurice Donahue, Speaker of Mass. House of Representatives, to Dr. Otto Hochstadt, and to Dr. Henry Hofstetter.

The members reacted favorably when questioned by Dr. Lamont whether they approved of the dinner type of meeting.

Dr. Bickford then asked members their preference as to type of future programs. Reactions were: Dr. DeSaulnier suggested Practice Management; Dr. Lizotte suggested prepaid services; and Dr. Schwartz on Isokonic lens fitting. Some wanted a full day program, not a few hours at night.

Dr. Cortland Richmond suggested that meetings should be held in various parts of New England so as to reach more varied groups of alumni. However, Dr. Bickford stated that he felt the function of education, etc. at meetings could be overdone, and that primary function of an Alumni Association should be to develop interest and support of the College.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

**Dr. Drake Urges More Research to Solve Children's Learning Disabilities**

Stressing the need for cooperation between Education and Optometry, Dr. Charles Drake presented a very informative talk to the Spring Meeting of the Alumni Association, May 1, at Valle's Steak House, Newton.

His subject covered children with a learning disability, the so-called dyslexic, an under-achieving child who shows a demonstrable slow development of perceptual and motor skills.

Dr. Drake stated that these children, under the Wexler I.Q. tests, tested high or normal; have had adequate schooling; are intellectually capable; are sufficiently motivated, and do **not** show emotional disturbance.

They just show depression and failure. They have a socially created problem caused by the pressures of middle class life. These are mainly the children who are brought to the Institute and to the school in Hardwick, Mass. to be tested and, perhaps, helped.

Dr. Drake added that these children generally lack rhythm, are more awkward, are smaller, predictably weak, and scores high **verbally**. Boys are affected more often, possibly up to ten times more than girls. There is a high incidence of allergic reaction to scratch tests; generally they have light colored eyes; light hair; and early graying of hair; and a larger percentage of the children are adoptive. Sixty per cent of the boys had left handed parents.

Statistics compiled from the over 500 children studied showed that 45% had **VISUAL** problems. No one-eyed child had trouble. Very few Myopes (3%) had trouble. Orthoptic training does not necessarily correct condition; they must have remedial and motor training.

Dr. Drake then called on Dr. Anapolle for some corroborative words and he also stressed the need for more Optometrists trained to handle these cases. He brought out that most of these children had no **refractive** error — they have **BINOCULAR** problems; they are exophores with poor reserves; they cannot follow a moving target; they lack depth perception; and there is monocular suppression.



**HEAD TABLE** at Spring Educational Meeting included from left Drs. S. Kagan, advisor; R. Titelbaum, Treasurer; A. Lamont, President; C. Drake, guest speaker; J. Bickford, Vice-President; and M. Berman, Secretary.



## Dr. Otto Hochstadt Presented Plaque at Alumni Association Luncheon

In 1946 Dr. Otto Hochstadt assisted Dr. Ralph H. Green in organizing the Board of Trustees of The Massachusetts College of Optometry, and incorporated the then Mass. School of Optometry by the Commonwealth of Mass. as a non-profit educational institution for the advancement of Optometric Education.

The unswerving devotion of Dr. Otto Hochstadt to the advancement of the profession of optometry and optometric education was repeatedly demonstrated by his efforts on behalf of the College.

The many achievements of the Massachusetts College of Optometry reflect on the dedicated and tireless work of Dr. Otto Hochstadt in furthering the educational standards and goals of the College. The Institution was authorized by the Board of Collegiate Authority of the Commonwealth of Mass. to be known as the Massachusetts College of Optometry, to confer the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Optometry, and the Degree of Doctor of Optometry as well as the Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Ocular Science and Doctor of Humane Letters.

The College is accredited by the Council of Optometric Education of the American Optometric Association, and is approved as an institution of higher learning under Veterans Administration Regulations for training veterans.

Dr. Hochstadt was mainly responsible for civic-minded optometric citizens to become interested in optometry, and to accept important positions as active members of the Board of Trustees. He is credited with the fine relationship optometry has enjoyed with the Medical profession in Massachusetts. The College always had physicians on the Faculty including Board men in Ophthalmology, even when the relationship between medicine and optometry was very strained. At times the Massachusetts College of Optometry was the only school in the country that enjoyed this advantage in education.

Recently because of increasing demands made on him by his association with various hospitals as well as his private practice, Dr. Hochstadt submitted his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees accepted his resignation with deep regret. Dr. Hochstadt will continue as a member of the Board of Trustees, and at the last meeting of the Trustees it was voted to appoint Dr. Hochstadt as a Consultant on Medical Affairs.

At the immediate past Alumni Luncheon, Dr. Hochstadt was presented with an impressive plaque by the Alumni Association of the College in appreciation of his many years of devoted efforts on behalf of the College.

## A Tribute



**IN RECOGNITION** for his services to the College, Dr. Otto Hochstadt, standing left, receives plaque from Dr. Al Hanson, Past President of the Alumni Association. Dr. G. Edward Bradley, President of the Board of Trustees is seated in the foreground.

## College Officials Praise Dr. Hochstadt; Service On Behalf of College Lauded

Tributes from many people have arrived in recognition of the services of Dr. Otto Hochstadt.

The BULLETIN has selected a few to reprint here representing the feelings of various College Officials.

**Dr. G. Edward Bradley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees:** I commend the College Alumni Association for dedicating this issue to Dr. Otto Hochstadt, a man to whom the word "dedication" is a way of life. Whether in the exercise of his extensive practice as a leading Cardiologist, or teaching the students in the Classroom, or watching over the funds of the College, this unique man is the epitome of dedication.

Dr. Hochstadt served with great distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees for twenty years and for most of that period as Secretary-Treasurer, a position from which, just recently, he asked to be retired. He has been the moving force and guiding light for several years in the great progress of the College. For all of my colleagues on the Board of Trustees I publicly express a profound "thank you."

The Board is delighted that Dr. Hochstadt has agreed to continue with the College as a teaching professor and serve in the capacity of medical consultant to the Massachusetts College of Optometry.

**Dr. Hyman Kamens, Dean:** I have known Dr. Hochstadt for 22 years as a teacher and as a member of the Board of Trustees. I have never seen a more hard working, more dedicated man who, even though he is a physician, has done more for optometry than those who are in the profession. His unselfish devotion and untiring efforts will never be fully rewarded, but I know that Dr. Hochstadt doesn't ask to be rewarded.

**Dr. Frank Kozol, Registrar:** The tireless energy and devotion of this medical man to the progress and advancement of the Massachusetts College of Optometry and the optometric profession will long be remembered by all of us.

**Dr. Frederick Farnum, Member, Board of Trustees:** I do not know of any man who is more deserving or who has gone out of his way so much to help the Massachusetts College of Optometry.



## Recent Graduates Encouraged To Attend and Support Alumni Activities

Reproduced below is a copy of the letter sent by President Lamont to all recent graduates. We thought it might be interesting for all alumni to see what is being done to build a strong Alumni Association.

May 2, 1968

Dear Recent Graduate:

Last night the Alumni Association of the Massachusetts College of Optometry held its Annual Spring Meeting at Valle's Steak House in Newton, Mass. We had an excellent program that was enjoyed by all. However, I missed seeing you there!

I am sending this personal note to a very small select group of recent graduates (1962-67) because I feel that it is Optometrists like yourself that should be the nucleus and driving force behind this organization. Although attendance at our functions have increased slightly in the past few years, the same faces predominate, older men with many years of practice behind them.

It is my fervent desire to see a "Youth Movement." I have accepted the responsibility of President because I feel that there is much to be done and much that must be done. Many of these tasks can only be accomplished by men like yourself.

This Wednesday, your Executive Board, you, a few others and the graduating Seniors will have a "Smoker" at the College. I want to be able to meet informally with all of you and explore avenues of mutual interests and benefits. Questions can be answered and discussed. I hope the result will be a closer tie to the Alumni Association. Please make an effort to come.

(Signed)

Optometrically yours,

Alton Lamont, O.D.

President, Alumni Assoc. M.C.O.



**ADVISING OPINION** of Dr. John Asarkof, left, Alumni Advisor is requested by Dr. Alton Lamont, president. Dr. Asarkof is also a member of the M.C.O. faculty. Recently, two new advisors were appointed by Dr. Lamont.

## Undergraduates Show New Vigor; Student Life Greatly Enhanced

By Michael Roy

Student life at MCO has taken a greatly accelerated approach to Optometry with the recent inauguration of a four-year O.D. program. This new curriculum awards the O.D. degree upon graduation by eliminating many of the first-year courses and by commencing the first-year student immediately in the study of Theoretical Optometry, Ophthalmic Optics and other courses formerly begun in the second year.

This deletion of extraneous courses facilitates the inclusion in fourth year curricula of courses which were formerly taught in the summer O.D. program following graduation. Moreover, no thesis is required, and it is assumed that the Class of 1971 will operate the clinic during the summer preceding their fourth year of studies.

This acceleration of Optometric education produces an earlier proficiency in Optometric procedure among the students, due to their early exposure, and it tends to ensure a more proficient clinical staff at the commencement of formal duty. It also gives the student an extra year to absorb pertinent information for the National Board Examinations.

In consideration of examination stress, the Student Council recently requested and obtained a two-day reading period before term examination periods. The purpose of this reading period is to enable the students to review the semester's work and organize their thoughts. The Council is also studying plans to submit a request to the administration for a five-day intersession between semesters to allow professors to compile grades and to afford some uninterrupted enjoyment.

Second-year students are presently arranging for themselves, with enthusiastic faculty and administrative support, a program of vision screening to be implemented in their junior year at certain juvenile homes in the Greater Boston area. Plans call for groups of four or five clinician to visit the homes under faculty supervision and conduct a comprehensive program of visual analysis for the inmates.

All those students desiring participation, on their own time, will be required to pass a test of clinical proficiency to be administered by Dean Kamens in September. It is hoped that this program, which has met with initial approval of the home involved, will be most successful. Coupled with the program at the Public Health Hospital, this provides more and diversified training for the student.

Student Council has been studying, and plans to begin, a program of orientation for both incoming and present students. A series of informal lectures is being designed to acquaint newcomers with the situations peculiar to the first-year student. Information will be available on all academic levels, however, and the Student Council hopes to encourage interclass communication with this program.





**OFFICIAL CONTRACT** is signed by Milo O. Blade, M.D., Medical Director, USPHS, finalizing agreement between College and U.S. Public Health Service. With him from left are Dr. Frank Kozol, College Registrar; Dean Hyman Kamens, and Dr. Stanley Scheiner, Ophthalmologist, U.S. Public Health Hospital, Brighton, Massachusetts.

## HERE 'N THERE

The **Bulletin** announces with regret the passing of:

Dr. Edmund Plonowski  
16 School Street  
Foxboro, Mass. 02035

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All Alumni wishing to help out the College in rounding out the files in the NEW library are invited to send along any and all extra and/or old textbooks and magazines relating to Optometry now or in the past. The College librarian will catalogue them and make them available to all. Extra copies of textbooks are always in need due to multiple requests at certain times for the same book.

Address package to Dean Kamens, c/o M.C.O. and mention this request in the **Bulletin**.

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Any alumnus interested in becoming State Representative of the Alumni Association of his particular state please write Dr. Alton Lamont, President of the Alumni Association at 807 Washington St., Newton, Mass. 02160

## Intra-Fraternity Council Plans Interesting Programs for Coming Year

Omega Epsilon Phi and Pi Omicron Sigma, the two fraternities which have been active in such communication for some time now, presently enroll 50% of the students and represent the only professional-social groups at the college. With the incorporation of an Intra-Fraternity Council, both fraternities have planned interesting programs for the coming year. Omega Epsilon Phi has already been presenting a series of educational and recreational films for student participation.

Pi Omicron Sigma recently held its spring awards banquet at the Playboy Club of Boston, and Omega Epsilon Phi met at the Union Oyster House.

## College and U. S. Public Health Service Sign Formal Contract

Labeling the agreement "the greatest single event that has happened at this college," Dean Hyman Kamens signed a contract with the U.S. Public Health Service to allow cooperative assistance between the college and the U.S. Public Health Hospital, Brighton.

Signed by Milo O. Blade, M.D., Medical Director, USPHS and approved by John J. Walsh, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General, U.S.A., the contract allows the use of the Public Health Institution as a teaching facility by M.C.O.

In return, the college has agreed to conduct all refractions needed by the Public Health Hospital.

Administered by Dr. Stanley Scheiner, ophthalmologist at the hospital, the program also includes lectures and actual photographs of pathologies found by the students.

Enthusiasm for this program is extremely high among M.C.O. students. The information gained can not be duplicated anywhere else in the M.C.O. curriculum.

Both Dean Kamens and the Public Health Administration are excited over this program, which has exceeded all expectations in its success.

Interest has run so high for this program that other Optometric Colleges are inquiring as to how they may become associated with a U.S. Public Health Hospital.

The program was so successful, according to Dean Kamens, that the normal trial period of six months was shortened by the U.S. Public Health Service so that all formal contracts could be signed earlier.

Over 1400 patients have been seen at the U. S. Public Health Hospital since October, 1967. With the Zeiss Fundus Camera which the College has purchased Dr. Scheiner is making a wonderful collection of fundus pictures.

We know this is a giant step forward for Optometry and will go a long way towards our goal to give better service to the public.

Last March the Student Council held its annual "Eyeball" at the Blue Hills Country Club and presented an excellent evening of dining and dancing.

The "Forum" has presented three programs of interest to the students. Hypnosis, Military Optometry and Dominancy were discussed at after-hour get-togethers at the school.

The Student Publication, **ACUITY**, has been presented on many occasions with articles of interest to all written by the students.

Certain students in the third-year class are also presently conducting experiments in infra-red tonometry and have obtained for the College a federal grant to continue their research.

With the recent draft deferment of Optometric Students and the greatly improved military status of Optometrists, MCO students relaxingly anticipate a long, hot summer.

# Principal Speakers Ask Alumni Contribu



**DR. ALTON W. LAMONT, JR.**  
President, Alumni Association



**DR. AL HANSON**  
Immediate Past President, Alumni Association



**DR. OTTO XEL**  
Member, Board of Trustees

## Alumni Association Installs Dr. Alton W. Lamont, Jr., President

Dr. Alton W. Lamont, Jr. was installed as the new President of the Alumni Association at the annual alumni luncheon during the M.C.O. convention.

With a vigorous start, Dr. Lamont has announced many new plans for the association.

Born in Newton, April 28, 1930, Dr. Lamont attended schools in Newton, and received his Bachelor Arts Degree from Colby College in 1952. He attended Tufts Graduate School and Mass. College of Optometry, from where he received his O.D. Degree.

Practicing on Washington Street in Newtonville, Dr. Lamont was a member of the Mass. Society Contact Lens and Practice Management Committee. He was a delegate from Massachusetts to the A.O.A. in 1966, and has been very active in the Alumni Association.

A member of Gethsemane Commandry Masons, Dr. Lamont is chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He is also an officer of the Wayland School P.T.A.; Director of the Pop Warner Football League; and a member of the Science Advisor Committee Town of Wayland. He is also past instructor of Biology and Mathematics.

He is a member of the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association; Wayland Ski Club; Wayland Dancers; and U.S. Power Squadron, Nobscott District.

He is married, and father of two children, Gary and Jeffrey.

The **Bulletin** wishes Al a very successful term of office.

## Trustees to Vote On Alumni Representation; Four New Units to be Purchased for Clinic

By G. Burt Holmes, O.D.

At the February meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board recommended that a member of the Alumni Association serve as a representative to the Board of Trustees. It is proposed that the Alumni will select three nominees from which the Trustees will select one man. The first such representative will be elected at the May meeting of the Board.

Dr. Hyman Kamens, Dean, has recommended to the Board of Trustees that additional equipment be purchased for the clinic to up-date the present facilities. As a result, four new refracting units have been purchased for the clinic. The Board, upon the recommendation of Dr. Kamens, appointed Dr. Matthew Garston to the position as assistant clinician.

In October, 1967, the Council on Optometric Education inspected the College and as a result of this inspection the College was recently classified as accredited by the Council on Optometric Education. This is a review on schools and colleges of optometry that is periodically carried out to help maintain standards of excellence within the profession.

## Tentative Alumni

### MCO Graduation

New England Life Hall — Friday, June 7, 1968  
Executive Committee —

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1968

### Fall Alumni Meeting —

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1968

Fall Bulletin Delivery — about Nov. 15, 1968

Executive Committee — Thursday, Dec. 5, 1968

### Winter Alumni Meeting —

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1969



# Contributions and Support at Annual Luncheon



**DR. OTTO HOCHSTADT**  
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees



**DR. HYMAN KAMENS**  
Dean, M.C.O.



**DR. G. BURTT HOLMES**  
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees

## G. Burt Holmes Succeeds Dr. Hochstadt as College Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. G. Burt Holmes of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts was recently appointed as Secretary-Treasurer to the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Optometry.

Born in Wilmington, Massachusetts, he is a graduate of Tufts University as well as the Massachusetts College of Optometry. He is also a graduate of the Vision Section of the Gesell Institute.

Dr. Holmes is Past President of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists; Past President of the New England Council of Optometrists; Chairman of the Contact Lens Committee of the American Optometric Association; Former Director of the Department of Education of the American Optometric Association and Former Chairman of the Committee on Education of the American Optometric Association.

He also serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, as well as having served as a Member of the Faculty of the Contact Lens Department of the Massachusetts College of Optometry.

## Installation of Officers Highlights Annual Alumni Luncheon in Boston

An over-capacity group of alumni and friends attended the annual alumni luncheon during the N.E.C.O. Convention at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston.

Highlighting the program was the installation of Dr. Alton Lamont, Jr. as President

Dr. G. Burt Holmes also installed the remaining officers.

Dr. Hyman Kamens announced that the college had signed an agreement with the U.S. Public Health Hospital, Brighton, and that students are making regular visits to the institution. He stated that this association with a medical teaching facility was a giant step forward for the college. The Dean also reported to the alumni concerning educational changes at the college.

Dr. Otto Hochstadt, in his report to the alumni stated that he would be resigning as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. He announced that Dr. Holmes would be appointed the new Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Hochstadt also requested that the alumni contribute to the building fund; and outlined the financial position of the college.

Dr. Alfred Hanson, outgoing President, presented Dr. Hochstadt with a plaque in tribute to his long and devoted service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

The only living member of the Class of 1920, Dr. Ward Lincoln, was an invited guest.

A large amount of alumni contributions were pledged by various classes and individual alumni.

Dr. Lamont outlined his program for the new year and urged support of alumni social activities.

Meeting was adjourned in time for alumni to attend the opening session of N.E.C.O.

## Calendar 1968 - 1969

Winter Bulletin Delivery — about Feb. 1, 1969

NECO Alumni Luncheon — March, 1969

Executive Committee —  
Thursday, April 10, 1969

Spring Alumni Meeting —  
Wednesday, April 30, 1969

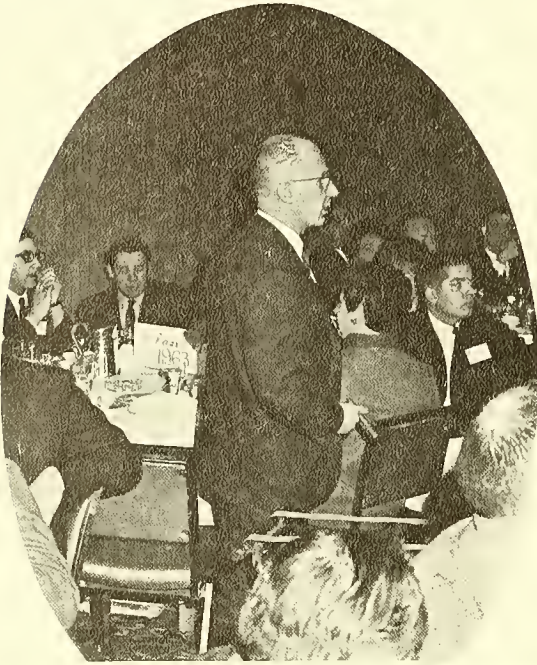
Annual Alumni Senior Class Smoker —  
May, 1969

Spring Bulletin Delivery — about May 15, 1969

MCO Graduation — June, 1969



# Alumni Overflow Annual Luncheon Facilities

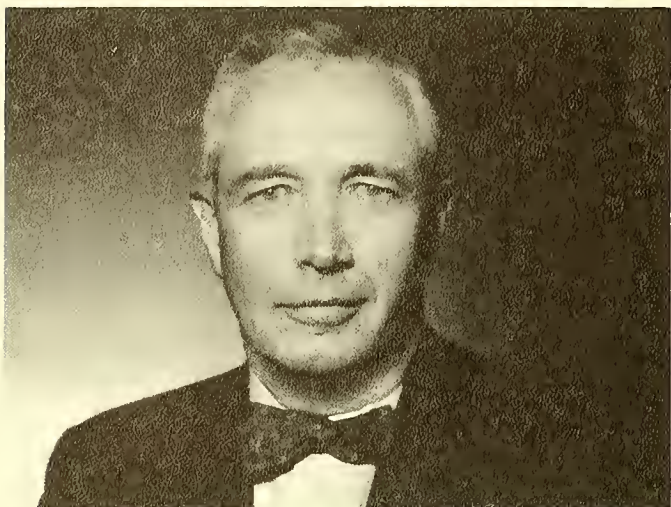




## Old Friendships Renewed Once Again







DR. RICHARD BAKER

### Dr. Baker Elected to Board of Trustees of the College for Three Year Term

Dr. Richard W. Baker has been elected for a three year term to the Board of Trustees of the college.

Very active in Optometric Extension Program as well as state society, Dr. Baker was born February 22, 1912 in Somerville, Mass. and has been a life-long resident of Arlington. He attended the Arlington public schools and graduated from the Massachusetts College of Optometry in 1932.

He has been in practice since 1936 in Arlington, was past president of the Boston Society of Optometrists and Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists, The American Optometric Association and the New England Council for the last thirty-three years and has been a subscriber to the Optometric Education program for the same length of time.

He served as general chairman and assistant general chairman of the New England Council educational meetings for two terms consisting of four years. He organized several educational seminars where Dr. Leo Manas of Chicago lectured as well as Doctors John Streff and Richard Appel of the Gesell Institute. He has attended many courses of instructions in several phases of Optometry, part of which was attendance at monthly meeting at the Gesell Institute for a period of nine months.

His community activities included ten years service on the local School Board where he was chairman and vice-chairman and served on School Building Committees. He is past master of the Masonic Lodge as well as past-president of the Arlington Rotary Club. He is the father of three sons, one of whom has indicated a desire to study Optometry.

Your President invites you to attend any Executive Meeting. If you have an issue to present or something you wish to discuss, please notify Dr. Lamont, 527-1418.

## Amendments to the Constitution read to alumni at May 1st, 1968 Meeting and to be voted upon at October Meeting

No. 1, Section 7 of the Constitution (under Article 3) shall read:

"If, for any reason, the office of President becomes vacant, the First Vice-President shall assume all duties as President. If, for any reason, the office of First Vice-President, or any other office becomes vacant, the President, with the concurrence of the majority of the Executive Board present at a regular or special Executive Board meeting, shall appoint a member to fill that office for the remainder of the term, or may, with the concurrence of the majority of the members of the Executive Board present at a regular or special Executive Board meeting, delegate the duties of the office to any one of the other elected officers."

No. 2, Section 3 (under Article 3) shall read:

"All officers, except directors, shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of their installation, or until their duly elected successors are installed. The Directors, who are not Officers, shall be elected as follows: Three for a term of two years, and three for a term of four years. Every two years thereafter, three Directors shall be elected for a term of four years. Officers may hold the same office for only two successive terms with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer."

No. 3, Section 1 (under Article 6) shall read:

"The regular dues shall be \$10 annually, payable in advance. A member may elect to become a "Contributing Member" by paying \$15 annually, a "Sustaining Member" by paying \$25 annually, or a "Life Member" by the lump sum payment of \$200. The members may vote to change the amount of said dues at the regular Spring Meeting, a majority vote of the members present being required. Dues for graduating students shall be waived for the first year."

No. 4, Section 2 (under Article 5) shall read:

"Each graduating student from the Massachusetts College of Optometry is automatically a member of the Alumni Association."

Submitted by Constitution Committee, consisting of:

Dr. E. Albert Glickman, Chairman  
Dr. Morris L. Berman

Enclosed with this issue of the BULLETIN is a special bill-envelope to assist you in paying your 1968-1969 dues.

YOUR Alumni Association needs YOUR support. Pledge and mail your contributions immediately.



## Mass. Senate President to Address Graduates; Three Honorary Degrees to be Awarded

The President of the Massachusetts Senate will deliver the Commencement Address Friday, June 7, at New England Life Hall, at 2:00 P.M.

The Honorable Maurice Donahue will also be awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

The Board of Trustees has also voted to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to Dr. Otto Hochstadt, for his outstanding contribution to Optometry and the college. The honorary degree of Doctor of Optometric Science will be awarded to Dr. Henry Hofstetter, Dean of Indiana College of Optometry. Dr. Hofstetter is now Vice-President of A.O.A. and is A.O.A. President-elect.

Dr. Alton Lamont, Jr., President of the Alumni Association will present the Alumni Association award to that senior who has demonstrated an outstanding extracurricular record as well as good scholarship.

Scholarships and awards will be presented by Dr. Foster Namias, chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Awards.

The Graduation ceremonies are open to parents and friends of the Graduates as well as alumni and their guests.

## INFORMATION PLEASE

If any member of the Alumni Association has any information about the following men please reply to: Morris L. Berman, O.D., 636 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02215

### Mail Returned — Last Known Address

- Dr. Leonard Samit, 1850 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11223
- Dr. Donald Harris, 1802 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11223
- Dr. Barry Pivnick '64, 1389 W. Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut 06708
- Dr. John J. Rutkowski, 24 W. Park Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08610
- Dr. Franklin Levin '64, 807½ W. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220
- Dr. David Sheinkopf '67, 190 Penn Wood Drive, Rochester, New York 14625
- Dr. Paul E. Parent, Coventry, Rhode Island 02816
- Dr. James Paltos '67, 1215 Pine Grove Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts 01605
- Dr. Joseph Rubin, 155 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10024

### Not Practicing?

- Dr. Byron F. Plummer '27, 584 Riverside Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

### Anyone Know Present Name and Address?

- Veronica Meagher '35; Teresa Guarino '35



STUDENT SMOKER gave the opportunity for twenty-three seniors to discuss the Alumni Association with Alumni Members. Shown above are a group of Alumni and seniors in discussion.

## Seniors Acquainted with Alumni Association at Smoker Held Recently

On May 8, the first annual alumni senior smoker was held at the college for the senior class by the alumni association of M.C.O.

Highlights of the evening included a welcome by the alumni president, Dr. Alton Lamont, and presentation of alumni membership certificates to the seniors in attendance.

The meeting afforded an opportunity for the members of the senior class to meet many of the men practicing in the area and to ask questions of them relating to starting in practice.

The smoker was found to be of great interest to both seniors and alumni.

## Alumni To Meet Scholarship Recipients Personally for First Time This Year

The chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Dr. Clinton Wilson, reports that the Alumni Association will again provide two scholarships to be awarded to students of M.C.O.; a \$200.00 scholarship and a \$300.00 working scholarship. The recipient of the working scholarship will assist the Alumni Association in some of its clerical work throughout the year.

This year, for the first time, the Alumni Association will have a voice in the final selection of recipients. The Scholarship Committee will work with the Scholarships and Awards Committee of the college at the final stage of selection.

Another innovation announced by Dr. Wilson will be the opportunity for the alumni members to meet the scholarship recipients personally. It is planned that the two students will be guests of the Alumni Association at its first dinner meeting following the awarding of the scholarships.

The other members of the Scholarship Committee are Dr. Foster Namias, Dr. Norman Jablow and Dr. Alton Lamont.



## PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

By ALTON W. LAMONT, O.D.

I feel very confident we will make great progress this year. Your new slate of officers exude enthusiasm to build, grow and improve the effectiveness of our Alumni Association.

I outlined very briefly at our "Standing Room Only" March NECO Luncheon some avenues we will pursue.

Among them were the following:

1. A paid professional Alumni secretary.
2. State Directors, (especially in New England).
3. Direct Alumni Association voting representation on the Board of Trustees.
4. Wider geographic representation and activities. Spring Meeting of 1969 will not be in Boston. Site is unsettled; how about suggestions?
5. Set up optometrist-student guide lines for Externship program.

The following committees have met both in executive and workshop session.

Program Chairman: Dr. Bickford  
 Class Agents Chairman: Dr. J. Callinan  
 Bulletin Chairman: Dr. Gulezian  
 N.E.C.O. Luncheon: Dr. Wilson  
 Nomination Chairman: Dr. Horley  
 Awards Chairman: Dr. Asarkof  
 Scholarship Chairman: Dr. Wilson  
 Publicity Chairman: Dr. A. Katz  
 Legal Affairs and  
 Constitution Committee: Dr. Glickman  
 Externship Chairman: Dr. Joblow  
 Budget Chairman: Dr. Lamont

Write to your Chairman. Tell him your likes and dislikes. Your comments will be not only welcomed but personally acknowledged.

It is with regret that Dr. Callinan found it necessary to resign his position as First Vice-President. I would have enjoyed working with John and I hope circumstances arise so that he will be able to soon work with us once again. Dr. Gold, 1967 Alumni Award recipient has departed for military duties. I have appointed Dr. Sumner Kagan of Brookline, a member of the M.C.O. faculty, to succeed Dr. Gold as an advisor.

We have prepared and submitted a proposed budget for our calendar year. This will enable us to remain financially stable and responsible. A re-vamping of our bookkeeping and billing systems will negate the question of "when do I pay this year's dues?" In the last few years our number of active members has increased substantially and many have stepped up to a higher level of membership. Have you?

A letter to the Board of Trustees has been sent naming our three nominees. Upon our submission, it is our understanding, one will be elected to the Board of Trustees as an Alumni Association representative for a term of two years. It was my pleasure to present to the members of this year's senior class their certificates of membership in the Alumni Association at the May 8th Alumni Senior Smoker. How pleasant to talk informally. The result was an excellent interchange of ideas and fellowship.

All Alumni are invited to the graduating exercises of the College at New England Life Hall, Clarendon Street, Boston, on Friday, June 7th, at 2:00 P.M.

Last, my thanks to Al Hanson for his years of dedicated service to our Alumni Association. His continued interest is exhibited by his help in preparing this edition of the "Bulletin." I enjoy receiving mail. Write me if there is anything I can do to be of help to you or the Alumni Association.

Happy summer to you all!



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